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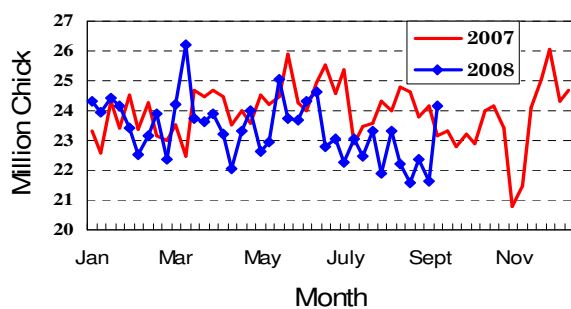
Arkansas Chick Placements Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.1 million during the week ending September 23, 2008. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and up 12 percent from the previous week.

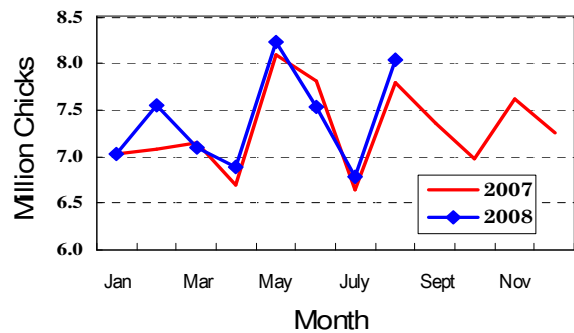
Arkansas hatcheries set 23.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 23, 2008, down 16 percent from the same period last year, and down 4 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 8.03 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2008, up 3 percent from August 2007.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, August 23, 2008 - September 20, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	23-Aug	30-Aug	6-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	23-Aug	30-Aug	6-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep
Alabama	29,744 *	29,920 *	29,746	28,812 *	28,833	20,609	20,496	21,188	21,212	20,194
Arkansas	24,742	24,697	24,479	23,930	23,057	22,221	21,575	22,352	21,646 *	24,137
Delaware	3,544	3,494	3,479	3,310	3,257	4,978	5,131	4,977	4,870	4,722
Florida	1,306	1,306 *	1,326	1,151	1,091	1,124	1,278	1,051	1,004	1,010
Georgia	32,909 *	32,860	32,032	30,895	30,930	27,700	27,317	26,821	27,100	26,583
Kentucky	7,711	7,656 *	7,452	7,640 *	7,496	6,240	6,708	6,811	6,314 *	5,530
Louisiana	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,659	3,521	3,243	3,425	3,431
Maryland	8,738	8,696	7,578	7,894	7,825	5,897	5,950	5,519	6,117	5,239
Mississippi	18,428	17,853	17,666	17,770	17,912	16,632	16,751	16,258	16,576	16,007
N. Carolina	18,968	19,130 *	18,546	17,695	18,231	15,620	15,883	15,655	15,817	15,623
Oklahoma	6,940	6,969 *	6,920	7,018	6,893	4,539	5,076	5,050	5,478	3,400
Pennsylvania	3,850	4,396	4,082 *	4,028 *	3,919	3,207	3,128	3,083 *	3,101 *	3,278
S. Carolina	5,735	5,844	5,208	5,709	5,755	4,333	4,624	5,130	4,541 *	5,023
Texas	15,475	14,913	15,271	15,094 *	13,312	12,322	12,560	12,925	13,006 *	12,490
Virginia	6,313	6,249	6,294	6,021	5,779	5,592	4,525	4,720	4,657	5,643
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,816	17,444 *	18,230	17,842 *	17,281	16,204 *	15,638	15,056	15,726 *	15,744
19 State Total	206,720 *	204,928 *	201,810 *	198,310 *	195,072	170,877 *	170,161	169,839 *	170,590 *	168,054
Prev. Year Total	215,662	215,502	208,821	205,863	212,015	177,243	176,942	175,893	175,527	175,642
% of Prev. Year	96	95	97	96	92	96	96	97	97	96

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 8 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 20, 2008. This was down 8 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 20, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 20, 2008 were 6.70 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.